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SHEILA SIMON – LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

P-20 Joint Education Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11th, 2014 at 1:30pm

Lt. Governor's Capitol Office
Springfield, IL

Lt. Governor's Chicago Office
James R. Thompson Center
Chicago, IL

A- Roll Call

Springfield

Lt. Governor Sheila Simon
John Evans, University of Illinois
Executive Director Jim Applegate, IL Board of Higher Education
Executive Director Karen Hunter Anderson, IL Community College Board
Executive Director Janet Holt, IL Education Research Council
Al Phillips, IL Board of Higher Education
Sue Kleemann, Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Lynne Haeffele, Lt. Governor's Office
Crystal Saint, Lt. Governor's Office

Chicago

Miguel del Valle, P-20 Council Chairman
Executive Director Eric Zarnikow, IL Student Assistance Commission
Theresa Hawley, IL Early Learning Council
President Kathy Veal, Illinois Math and Science Academy
Dan Cullen, IL Board of Higher Education
Julie Smith, Governor's Office
Amber Kirchhoff, Governor's Office
George Letavish, Governor's Office

Absent

State Superintendent Chris Koch, IL State Board of Education
Acting Director Adam Pollett, IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

B- Approval of February 2014 Meeting Minutes

Lt. Governor Simon asked for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. A motion was made by Holt and seconded by Applegate. Motion was passed unanimously.

C- Overview and Update on the Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) with Dr. John Evans of the University of Illinois (30 minutes)

Dr. Evans began by giving a brief overview of ILDS governance, the inaugural annual report, the 18-month plan, the priority areas, the centralized demographic data set and administrative services. He discussed the number of committees and groups involved with ILDS and how the group was formed to move towards a more systematic approach to data-sharing across offices. He also discussed how a legal process was needed to appropriately share the data and to get the data to the right people. Dr. Evans discussed how subcommittees under the working board are responsible for various data sharing tasks.

The Intergovernmental Agreement is a 10-year agreement that requires agencies to submit data to the central data set. The inaugural meeting occurred in October of 2013 and several meetings have been held since. Individual meetings with separate agencies have also been set up. In January, the 18-month plan was distributed. It has since received an affirmative vote and have an annual update was provided to the P-20 council.

For the Common demographic data system, the group is developing an RFP protocol to send out. Currently, only agencies and higher ED institutions can be administrators for the data system.

The 18-month plan includes: an early childhood component, enhancements to the HS /college success report, improvement of the community college feedback report, career pathway metrics and reporting of progress on the 60% by 2025 goal. Next on the agenda are selecting CDD administrator; determining data elements in master client index; recommending/ensuring process for intake/audit sharing and tracking; and planning and budgeting. Dr. Evans reported that federal funding will conclude at the end of the fiscal year. The group will apply for a no-cost extension until the end of May.

More discussion ensued over the worries about cost. Dr. Evans stated the group wants to use the data more proactively and also wants to create a policy and research agenda. More comments were fielded regarding quality verses quantity as well as the need to capitalize on reports that are already on hand. Others question how the data will be used. Dr. Evans closed by making connections to the successes Virginia has had with its data systems.

D- ISAC's Data Capacity and Use with Eric Zarnikow, Executive Director of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (20 minutes)

Director Zarnikow brought with him to the meeting two representatives from ISAC who work in IT operations to explain how ISAC manages its data and keeps it secure as well as how the data can be used to manage programs and inform public policy. He discussed how the group is working with large volumes of confidential data.

Data have been collected for over 15 years for over 20 million individuals for various scholarships and grants. The mainframes are housed in Springfield and Deerfield with multiple layers of security protecting the data. There are separate portals for students and intuitions in order to keep the

necessary information private. The group that oversees the data is sizable but still cost-effective and efficient. The IT department is audited often as well. ISAC manages the intake and delivery of data, including FAFSA data. Staff stressed the importance of data sharing across organizations and the use of cohort data. The agency still needs more information about race, ethnicity, who stays in state and who graduates.

E- College Completion Reports from Other States with Dr. Jim Applegate, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (20 minutes)

Dr. Applegate discussed the college-to-workforce connection, citing a distributed report that looks at college to work force transitions one year later, broken down by institution and major.

Findings:

- Certificates – fastest growing credentials in higher education; need to find out which ones matter and are most valuable (citing examples from Texas);
- Where you go to school and where you end up matters;
- Graduates in math, technology and engineering are doing well; and
- Earning differences are seen based on colleges attended

Overall

- How to take this information and inform the public – help people choose majors etc. – comparison by institutions and by race;
- Need to use these data to inform guided pathways to success (GPS) work; and
- Need to make better connections between college and careers – making a “smooth handoff”

F- Review of Midpoint Report for the Illinois Public Agenda with Dr. Jim Applegate, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (20 minutes)

Dr. Applegate said IBHE received the report April 1st. The board has a retreat scheduled at the end of this month where they will discuss the report in detail. They will also discuss how to develop strategies and tactics with partners and various community organizations. The key report findings were:

- Illinois exceeded national average for overall progress of educated adult population
 - o Accelerated 5% among young workers, but lagging behind competitor countries
- Regional variations – thinking about regional mobilization – bringing together partners
- Plenty of improvement in Chicago but not in collar communities
 - o State solution may not be right solution – need for regional adaptations
- Racial achievement gaps became slightly worse for Latino and African American students
- Affordability -- “become less affordable faster” than almost any other state - for community colleges and 4-year institutions
- Top state in patent generation - venture capital more available
- Need to “up the ante”
- Need to lead the nation in adult participation in adult education and for veterans

G- Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) Update with Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board, and Lt. Governor Sheila Simon (10 minutes)

Dr. Anderson discussed how the GPS resolution passed by ICCB and then disseminated to stakeholders and partners. Colleges were asked to share their engagement with creating guided pathways programs.

She wants to keep this agenda item on the radar for FY 15 for the presidents and trustees. She also mentioned the Scaling Up conference and collaboration with other groups.

It was noted that Lieutenant Governor Simon co-sponsored a National Lieutenant Governors Association resolution (with the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana) encouraging GPS within the states.

H- State Agency Updates (20 minutes)

Lieutenant Governor Simon mentioned progress on HB 3939, a bill drafted by her office to improve the state's educational support for children of military families.

The Accelerating Opportunities Grant from the Gates foundation has given ICCB an extension for FY15 – for career and technical programs that allow college credit.

TAACT grant - on statewide scale - how to use strategies to improve remediation.

NGA conference looking at supply and demand of jobs, met with group from Georgetown. They looked at the data that IES is going through and talked about the pathways agency community meeting.

- Currently people are doing good work but not working consistently together for mutual assistance and sharing of best practices.

IERC will hold its board meeting next week. A UC Riverside professor will speak on diverse urban learners. IERC's student out-migration report will be released soon. There was a suggestion from the P-20 Council for a study looking at those students not meeting achievement benchmarks in their high school senior year.

The State Board of Education is conducting an evaluation of implementation of the 5Essentials survey.

ISAC is administering the MAP grant program; for FY 14 they are taking students off the wait list and maximizing the use of appropriations. They are not focusing yet on the FY15 budget. A MAP rally is scheduled in the Capitol on April 30th. ISAC will be reaching out to other agencies; the Governor is also mentioning the rally at his campus visits.

A statewide symposium on early childhood education, stressing that college and career readiness begins at birth, was well attended. An Illinois science and tech coalition also coordinated and hosted a day in Springfield.

The P-20 Council will meet on April 23rd at Westinghouse College Prep High School in Chicago. The meeting theme will be early college credit and career readiness.

I- Other Business

J- Next meeting is June 20th, 2014

K- Adjournment